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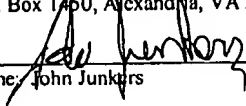
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 Assignee of Original Patent: DONALDSON COMPANY, INC.
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By: 
 Name: John Junkers

REISSUE DECLARATION OF INVENTORS
FOR REISSUE OF U.S. PATENT 6,234,541 UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.175

We, Wayne M. Wagner residing at 120 Redwood Drive, Apple Valley, Minnesota 55124; John T. Herman residing at 6 Pinehurst Drive, Dellwood, Minnesota 55110; Michael J. Protas residing at 3030 Sumter Avenue North, Golden Valley, Minnesota 55427; and James P. Shields residing at 1106 Buckcreek Boulevard, Fairbank, Iowa 50629 all citizens of the United States of America, declare as follows:

1. We believe that we are the original inventors of the invention described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,234,541 B1, granted on May 22, 2001, for which we solicit a reissue patent.

2. We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120/365 of any United States and PCT international application(s) listed below:

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3. We have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification and claims of this application, including reissue claims 32-46 added by preliminary amendment. We believe the above-identified patent is partly inoperative by reason of claiming less than we had the right to claim in the patent. Specifically, it was an error to fail to include in the above-identified patent, claims such as those set forth in reissue claims 32-46.

4. Specifically, it was an error, for example, not to include a claim such as claim 32, which has been reproduced below next to originally issued claim 1. Claim 32 has been reworded as compared to claim 1 to provide a different scope of coverage. It was an error not to include such a claim, with the reworded limitations.

Original Claim 1	Claim 32
A clamp comprising:	A clamp comprising:
a saddle member having a concave saddle portion;	a saddle member having a concave saddle region;
	a first curved shim secured to the concave saddle region of the saddle member;

Original Claim 1	Claim 32
a U-bolt mounted on the saddle member, the U-bolt having a concave portion oriented opposed to the saddle member concave saddle portion; and	a U-shaped structure mounted on the saddle member, the U-shaped structure including spaced-apart threaded legs and a second curved shim that extends between the threaded legs, the second curved shim being positioned to oppose the first curved shim;
at least one shim positioned between the U-bolt and the saddle member,	(see first and second shims recited above)
the shim being made of metal and forming substantially a full cylinder at least when the saddle member and the U-bolt are drawn completely together.	the first and second shims being made of metal and forming substantially a full cylinder at least when the saddle member and the U-shaped structure are drawn completely together.

In addition, it was an error, for example, not to include a claim such as claim 40, which has been reproduced below next to originally issued claim 1. Claim 40 has been reworded as to claim 1 to provide a different scope of coverage. It was an error not to include such a claim, with the reworded limitations.

Original Claim 1	Claim 40
A clamp comprising:	A clamp comprising:
a saddle member having a concave saddle portion;	a saddle member having a concave saddle region;
	a first curved shim secured to the concave saddle region of the saddle member;

Original Claim 1	Claim 40
a U-bolt mounted on the saddle member, the U-bolt having a concave portion oriented opposed to the saddle member concave saddle portion; and	a bolt structure mounted on the saddle member, the bolt structure including spaced-apart threaded legs, the bolt structure being connected to a second curved shim that extends between the spaced-apart threaded legs, the second curved shim being positioned to oppose the first curved shim;
at least one shim positioned between the U-bolt and the saddle member,	(see first and second shims recited above)
the shim being made of metal and forming substantially a full cylinder at least when the saddle member and the U-bolt are drawn completely together.	the first and second shims being made of metal and forming substantially a full cylinder at least when the saddle member and the bolt structure are drawn completely together.

In addition, it was an error, for example, not to include a claim such as claim 44, which has been reproduced below next to originally issued claim 27.

Claim 44 has been reworded as compared to claim 27 to provide a different scope of coverage. It was an error not to include such a claim with reworded limitations.

Original Claim 27	Claim 44
A clamp comprising:	A clamp comprising:
a saddle member having a concave saddle portion;	a saddle member having a concave saddle portion;
a U-bolt mounted on the saddle member, the U-shaped structure having a concave portion oriented opposed to the saddle member concave saddle portion;	a U-shaped structure mounted on the saddle member, the U-shaped structure having a concave portion oriented opposed to the saddle member concave saddle portion;

Original Claim 27	Claim 44
a first curved shim secured to the saddle member concave saddle portion, the first curved shim being made of metal;	a first curved sealing plate secured to the saddle member concave saddle portion, the first curved sealing plate being made of metal;
a second curved shim secured to the U-bolt concave portion, the second shim being made of metal, and the first curved shim having a concave side opposed to a concave side of the second curved shim; and	a second curved sealing plate defining the concave portion of the U-shaped structure, the second sealing plate being made of metal, and the first curved sealing plate having a concave side opposed to the concave portion of the second curved sealing plate; and
the first curved shim covering at least a central, mid-region of the concave saddle portion.	the first curved sealing plate covering at least a central, mid-region of the concave saddle portion.

5. All errors being corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on our part.

6. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

7. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of the Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Dear Sir:

Donaldson Company, Inc., the assignee of the entire interest in U.S. Patent No. 6,234,541 B1 (hereinafter referred to as the '541 patent) hereby assents to the present reissue application. The assignee hereby offers to surrender the '541 patent upon issuance of letters patent for the present reissue application. Incorporated herewith is a Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) establishing the requisite ownership and power-to-act rights in connection herewith. The undersigned is authorized to sign on behalf of the assignee.

Donaldson Company, Inc.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Wayne M. Wagner, residing at 120 Redwood Drive, Apple Valley, Minnesota 55124, John T. Herman, residing at 6 Pinehurst Drive, Dellwood, Minnesota 55110, Michael J. Protas, residing at 3030 Sumter Ave. N., Golden Valley, Minnesota 55427 and James P. Shields, residing at 1106 Buckcreek Blvd., Fairbank, Iowa 50629, made certain new and useful inventions and improvements for which we filed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on January 11, 1999, which is entitled U-BOLT CLAMP FOR SEALING LAP JOINTS;

AND WHEREAS, DONALDSON COMPANY, INC., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, and having an office and place of business at 1400 West 94th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55431 (hereinafter "Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions, improvements and application and in and to the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned, and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest for all countries in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed in the aforesaid application, and in and to the application, all divisions, continuations, or renewals thereof, all Letters Patent which may be granted therefrom, and all reissues or extensions of such patents, and in and to any and all applications which have been or shall be filed in any foreign countries for Letters Patent on the inventions and improvements, including an assignment of all rights under the provisions of the International Convention, and all Letters Patent of foreign countries which may be granted therefrom; and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all United States Letters Patent for the aforesaid inventions and improvements to the Assignee as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the use of the Assignee, its successors and assigns.

AND, for the consideration aforesaid, we do hereby agree that we and our executors and legal representatives will make, execute and deliver any and all other instruments in writing including any and all further application papers, affidavits, assignments and other documents, and will communicate to said Assignee, its successors and representatives all facts known to us relating to said improvements and

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AND, furthermore we covenant and agree with said Assignee, its successors and assigns, that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by us and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by us.

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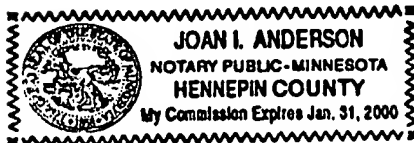
Wayne M. Wagner
Wayne M. Wagner

STATE OF Minnesota)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Hennepin)

On this 26th day of Feb, 1999, before me personally appeared Wayne M. Wagner to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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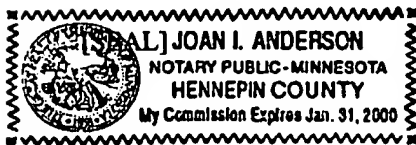
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John T. Herman
John T. Herman

STATE OF Minnesota)
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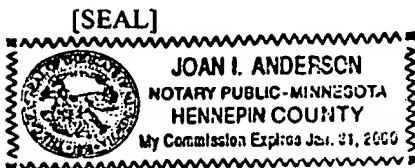
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Michael J. Protas
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James P. Shields
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On this 15th day of March, 1999, before me personally appeared James P. Shields to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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Donaldson Company, Inc., is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the present reissue application by virtue of the assignment recorded at Reel 9877, Frame 0673 (see the Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) submitted herewith).

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Donaldson Company, Inc., a corporation having a place of business at Minneapolis, Minnesota, certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventor of patent application Serial No. 09/228,921 that issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,234,541 B1 on May 22, 2001. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office on April 6, 1999, at Reel 9877, Frame 0673 (copies of the assignment and recordation document are attached). The assignment transferred all interest in the patent application to Donaldson Company, Inc.

The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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